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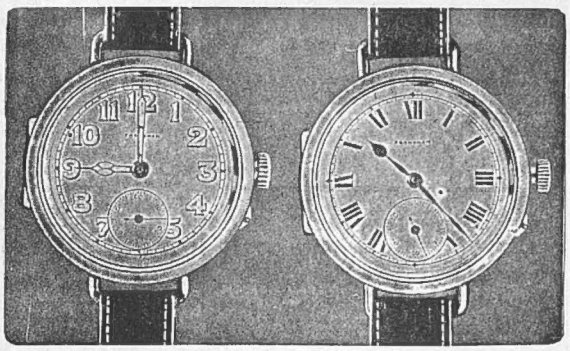

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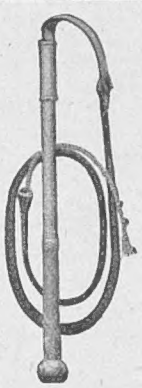

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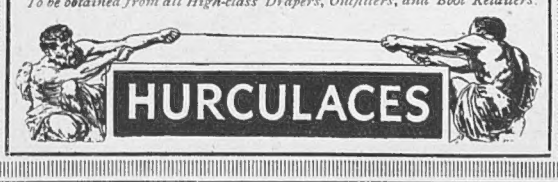

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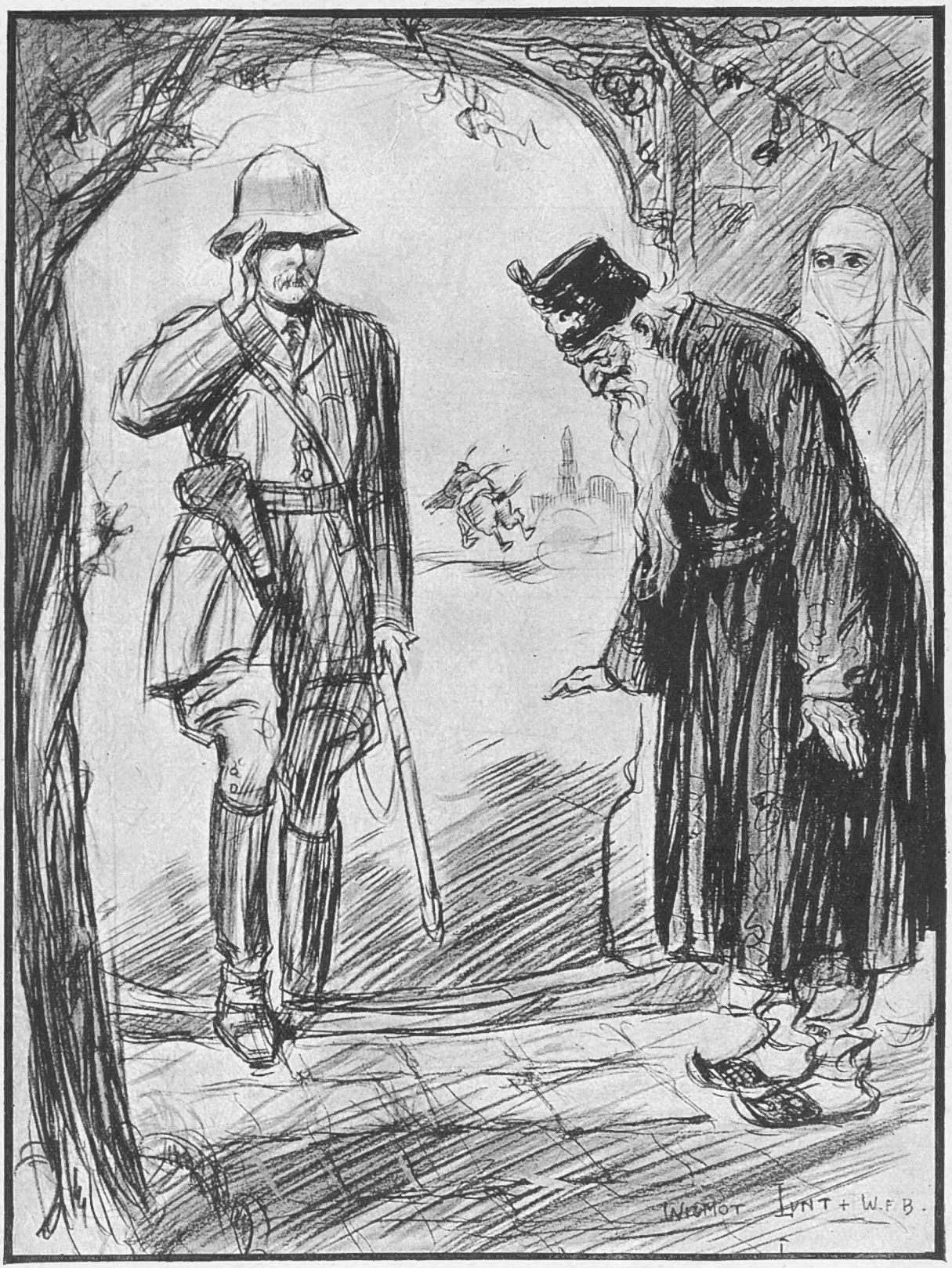

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The black, black knight has flown"

BYSTANDER WAR COMMENTS

!!!! One crowded column of glorious news. From Bagdad to Bapaume, from Petrograd to Peronne, it comes crowding in for the best of all possible reasons—namely, that the Germans are crowding out. They call it withdrawal on the western front. In Russia they are not stopping to call it anything at all, but are just going as hard as they can if and while they can. Perhaps the situation on both German salients, that on the western front and that driven into the vitals of the Russian nation, can best and most politely be described as retirement before the march of—events.

Events Too Strong

Events are going to win this war for the Allies; and I mean events in the sense of large, slow, solid things that succeed by their own weight—*e.g.*, the birth of freedom in Russia after age-long labour and heaven knows what pains; and the enormous massing of Great Britain's might after nearly three years' pains and heaven knows what labour. These stupendous forces move at last, and happily move together. Nothing made in Germany can stand up against fundamentals of such weight; and the ease and completeness of the Revolution in Russia, and the length and depth of the withdrawal on the western front are the signs and symbols thereof.

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Sixty Miles of Good News

But at the amazing speed at which we are now living one feels quite slow and behind the times to be talking of the Revolution. By Monday morning it was almost a forgotten topic of conversation. Were there not some sixty glorious miles of abandoned western front to talk about? One would say that the Boche has straightened his line with a vengeance, were it not for the fact that all the vengeance in the war is the righteous property of the Allies. Of course, it is all "in accordance with plans"; but the plans were not all drawn up by the German High Command.

Crabbing as Usual

There are a dozen other ways of minimising the glorious advance of the British line—you can find them all in our own (self-styled) Patriotic Press without bothering to get them from Germany. Thus, the Germans have only strengthened their striking power by shortening their front; they have cleverly hustled us into movement on a portion of the front chosen by them, thereby upsetting our plans; they have got away from a very awkward position without any loss worth speaking of—and so on and so on. The funny thing about all this croaking is to contrast it with the attitude of the same authorities when it is Germany that has made the big advance, and, say, Russia, Serbia, or Rumania that has executed a withdrawal.

Facts They *Can't* Get Over

The laments are then all for the retreating party, and the leading articles and the military experts lay themselves out to "expose" any attempts at eye-washing the public by pretending that the retreat of our Ally (whichever it may be) is anything but a disaster. Remember this, if it is your misfortune to read the Patriotic Press whenever good news is about; and, in any case, and whatever happens, remember this—(1) that whatever the reason for the German withdrawal it is manifestly a sign of weakness, not of strength; (2) that if it shortens their line it equally shortens *ours*.

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Les Modes De Pékin

CHINESE PHILOSOPHER: "Velly good!! You makee levolution—allee samee me! You say 'Tar-tar' to Empelor, and no can do pidgin with German-man—allee samee me! German-man he do samee fashion velly quick. Chop-chop!!"

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (continued)

daughters, Princess Margaret Crown Princess of Sweden—whose popularity in that country, where she has followed her mother's example of good works, deservedly stands as high as it does in England—and Princess Patricia, who made so admirable a deputy for her mother in Canada when the Duchess's ill-health prevented her from appearing at social functions.

Those Blessed Words National Service

What *is* "National Service"? One would have said "service for the nation" before St. Ermin's Hotel began confusing the issue. Lord Devonport has so far followed THE BYSTANDER'S advice to be definite in stating what he wants as to ask for ploughmen; but he is still a long way from the *definite* concentration on

Photograph *Lallie Charles*

THE LATE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT

definite appeal for *definite* numbers of *definite* classes of men for *definite* work under *definite* conditions that alone will fill the bill. And every time St. Ermin's announces things so theatrical as that Lord Rhondda or all Government officials have signed on it makes confusion worse and the success of National Service infinitely more remote. If the President of the Local Government Board and all permanent Government officials are not doing "National Service" who is or can be? It does not in the least impress the ordinary man. It only makes him think it is all unnecessary.

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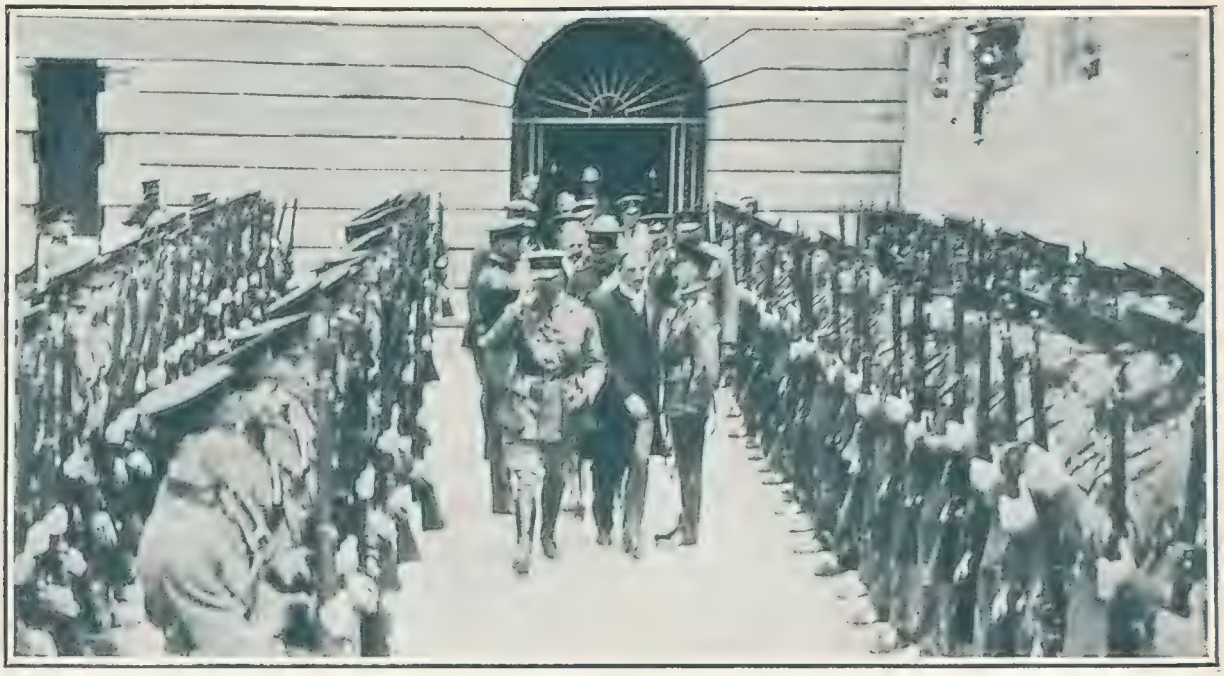


GENERAL SMUTS

Whose conduct of the campaign in East Africa has been carried out with such rapidity and ability, arrived in England last week to attend the Conference of the War Cabinet with the representatives of the Dominions. In the photograph he is shown on his arrival at Pretoria, on the way from the scene of his successes to the headquarters of the Empire

National Service, though I know they are paid for it. Westminster is becoming quite a school of example. M.P.'s have, or are going to have, meatless days, potatoless days, and whiskyless nights. Why not salaryless years? Until that awful sacrifice is made one remembers with satisfaction that the terms of National Service to which members now are pledged include liability to be shifted away to work in another district. Now if St. Ermin's could shift Messrs. Outhwaite, Ramsay Macdonald and Co. for three years, or the period of the war, to reclamation work on the Island of Mull or somewhere, it really would itself be performing a national service of inestimable benefit.

German Dumping

Wholesale dumping of German stuff on our shores is beginning again, despite the war, and is increasing monthly. Such stuff, I mean, as nightmares are made of—food queues, food hoarders, food hogs, rations, and numerous similar trappings of the glory of war which at one time we imagined to be the exclusive perquisites of Berlin. That we should be importing them is bad enough, but that the Government should be importing Germany's way of dealing with them is infinitely worse. Germany has considerately made for our warning every conceivable blunder in controlling her food supply; but that fatal gentlemanliness of ours (I suppose it is) is making us do the polite thing and fall in every time where Germany fell in.

Photograph *Swæine*

LIEUT. ERIC MAUDE, R.H.A.

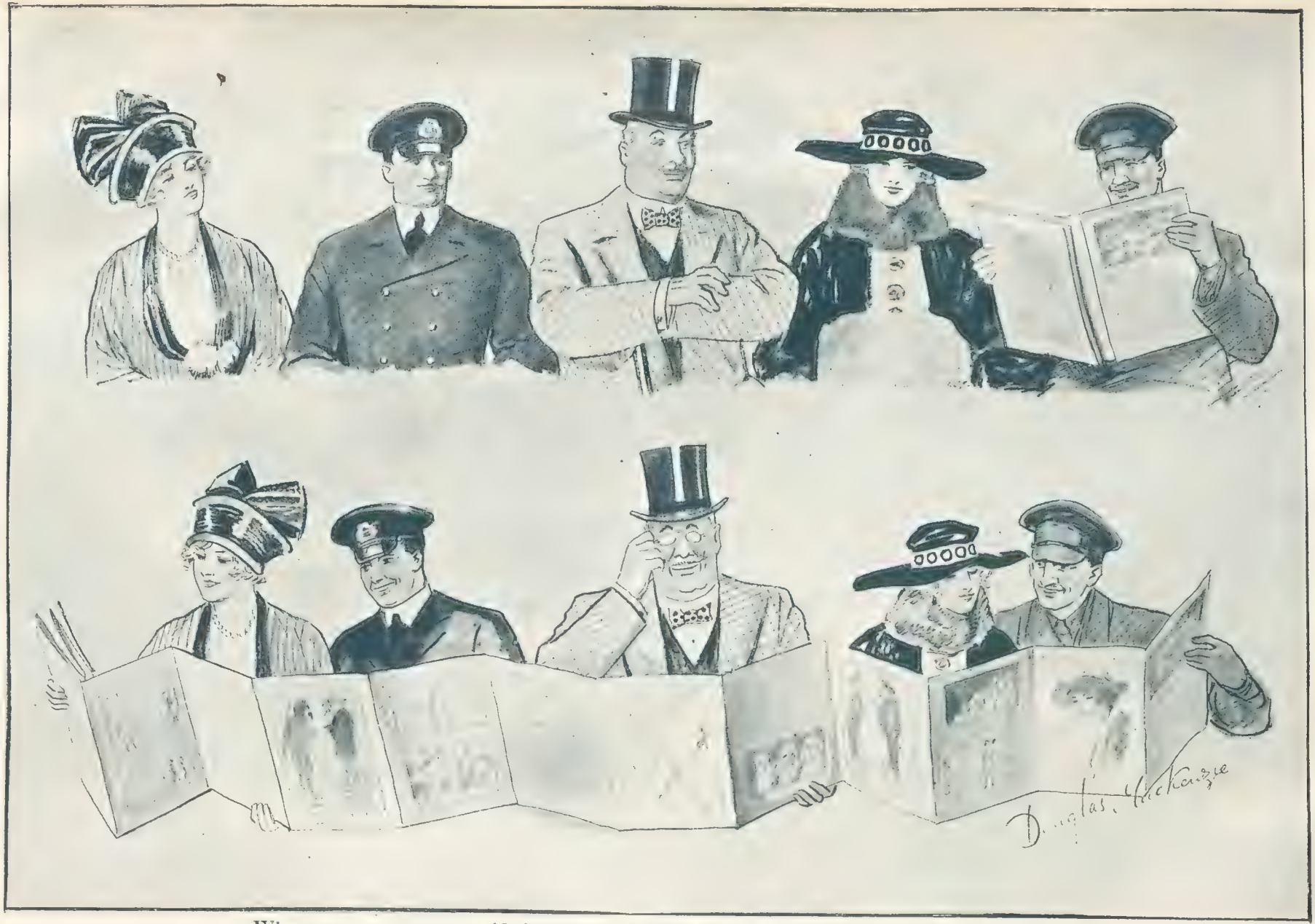
Son of Sir Stanley Maude, K.C.B., the conqueror of Mesopotamia

Maximumed

It is either that or a bulldog determination to make "muddling through" our guiding principle, even in a war that demands high thinking and plain living more than ever they were demanded before. Take the case of shortage of anything—potatoes or milk, or what not. Obviously what is wanted is more, and obviously the best way to get more is to encourage the growers of it. The Government's invariable "remedy" is to do just the opposite. They put on a maximum price so minimum that no one will grow or handle the infernal thing (whatever it may be), and immediately shortage becomes shorter than ever. Anybody but a Minister would realise that not a maximum but a minimum price is what is wanted—and a thumping high one.

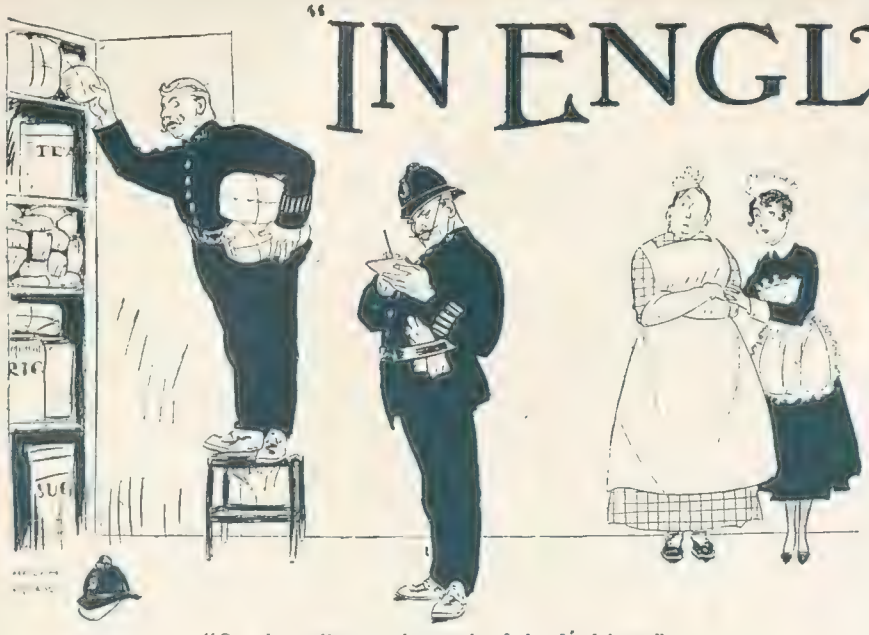
High and Low

It works in two ways. An artificially high price brings such abundance into the market that a glut results and the price goes down with an automatic bump. That is one way. The other is in the direction of checking consumption (so far as it is possible to check consumption with every worker rolling in money) and creating a glut that way. If at the first signs of potato trouble amongst the poor the Food Controller had put up potatoes to 2*s*. a pound, in less than a week he would have had a deputation of dealers, farmers, and greengrocers imploring him with tears in their eyes to be allowed to *give* the things away.

"The Bystander" Keeps Pace with the Times (!)

What we may soon see if the present shortage of paper grows even more insistent

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!"

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM "BLANCHE"



"Set the police on the track of the food hogs"

LONDON, *March* 19, 1917

DEAR COUSIN—

IN England, now—except, of course, amongst those (not a few) who "enjoy the war"—there's a slight, just a very slight, tinge of anxiety prevailing. You see, we're missing our "dope" for one thing—the speech-makers and their kind have almost dropped that quite dreadfully dangerous optimistic note that only the stupid leaned on, certainly, but as people mostly are stupid. . . .

* *

AND for another—isn't it in "Don Quixote," something about "the stomach carries the heart"? Now that their food's in danger you can't imagine what a lot of people have suddenly waked to the fact that there's a war; but, of course, there are plenty here still who haven't even begun to grasp that unless we *all* pull our weight, men *and* women, rich and poor, it's a question who'll *win* that war.

* *

SHE belonged to an ancient race which takes on the nationality of the country it happens to have dumped itself on, and so, fortunately, couldn't be called truly an Englishwoman—a woman I met last week who, instead of rationing, informed her household "we'll have all we can get while we can get it." But her race swarms in England, and if even half of them are getting all they can—well, it's a poor look-out for the patriotic pinchers, I'm afraid.

* *

THE obvious question is, of course—why is food-hogging allowed, why aren't we *made* to ration if economy is really, as the Food Controller says, "absolutely essential," and if food supplies really are what the P.M. says they are, "alarmingly low, lower than they've ever been before"? The only answer is: "Heaven knows!" But those who are economical, those who have loyally rationed themselves and denied themselves, are slowly, but very surely, coming to the conclusion that their efforts benefit not the country, but the food hogs.

* *

SAME with this effete voluntary system. Penalises the patriotic and pleases the other kind no end—they go on as usual *plus* the added advantage of battening on the volunteer's lost profits. Though, as far as it applies to the employment of women, I'm not sure, after all, you know, that the voluntary system isn't best. They want men in millions, of course, so they've got to take all kinds—good, bad, and indifferent. But women are wanted only in hundreds, or, anyway, in a few selected thousands. All those worth anything who could volunteer have done so, or are already doing national work. The rest are not worth conscripting. Much better leave them to wallow in their bridge-playing and their shop-gazing and their matinée-haunting.

* *

AS to those unmentionable ones "getting all they can while they can," there certainly *was* a rumour—I'm afraid it was only a rumour—that the Food Controller was going to set the police on their track, when, a week or two ago, the big shops reported themselves unable to deliver ordinary supplies because the hoarders had ordered such cartloads. But I just can't believe anything so nice *could* happen. What

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"The Chelsea revue, with all the artist people . . ."

if there *is* a Defence of the Realm Act? The Englishwoman's home is still her castle as well as her stronghold, and if our War Governments hesitate even to ration us I'm sure they'd *never* bring themselves to such an outrage as the rape of even the fattest larder.

❀ ❀

APROPOS, it *was* an innovation for the Queen to promise to lend the light of her countenance to the mass meeting of women volunteers at the Albert Hall last week. Sign of the times too. Up till now Royalty hasn't, of course, publicly concerned itself with utilitarian matters, reserving its favours for the pageant and picturesque side, which is a necessary side of a great nation's life in peace-time. Now there's a great war, and in these things, anyway, a great change. The King and Queen join now only in serious affairs, and it begins to seem positive *centuries* since in the public mind Royalty was chiefly connected with race-meetings, smart dinner-parties, the German *Bads*, and the lighter side of the drama.

"A seriously-wounded subaltern writes . . ."

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SPRING begins by the calendar this week, so we're expecting snow and some skating. And, apropos, since they've put the Grafton Galleries "out of bounds" and interned sick-leave officers in Marylebone, where *will* the super-sub. now work off those superabundant spirits, which, like the sap in the trees, are apt to rise to the surface when spring is here, even more than at other times? On which subject, by the way, a seriously wounded subaltern writes me that when I say that dining and dancing and revueing and supping isn't the best, or, anyway, the quickest way to get fit again for serious soldiering, I ought to remember that that is not the way that the majority of sick men *do* spend their convalescence.

"MANY do not spend their sick leave in London at all, and many who do are too ill or too crippled or disinclined to indulge in such amusements, at any rate those who have been seriously wounded. Those who do indulge in these whirls of gaiety we've been hearing about deserve to be interned like Hun prisoners, which is what it amounts to; but, as usual, the innocent have to suffer because of the guilty."

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ALAS, yes! That's the way of the world, and a very hard way it is, in a very hard world. But it was very obvious that the W.O. or someone would have to do something soon. The few guilty were smudging the whole slate so very industriously for the many innocent; and it's so important, isn't it, that in these days when the Services are the gods we worship they should be, like Cæsar's wife, above suspicion and beyond reproach.

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BY the way, there's one branch of the Junior Service that writes appealingly from France to suggest that in my letters I've somewhat neglected "an infinitesimal part of the Expeditionary Force that desires to pay homage to you at this moment. No doubt upon your lists there still remain a few vacant spaces to be filled: we, therefore, present ourselves, the Trench Mortars (Canadian Division), and humbly beg for a place in the sun beside the other fighting units.

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"WE are the artillery of the trenches, and our hearts sink lower every week as no mention is made of us by our Blanche. But no doubt we have slipped out of your memory—it cannot be that you would willingly have overlooked us. You know—

They tell us at Ross
That it's only a toss
If we live in Trench Mortars
three weeks."

❀ ❀

NOT forgotten, dear Trench Mortars. How could I? And it's very remiss of me not to have written positively *pages* about such very gallant soldiermen whose job's as stiff and as trying as any stiff job out there. But you know what it is—the people most in our hearts are often least on our lips. So I hope I'm forgiven. Am I?

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TALKING of the trenches, they tell me the mud's as bad as ever out there.

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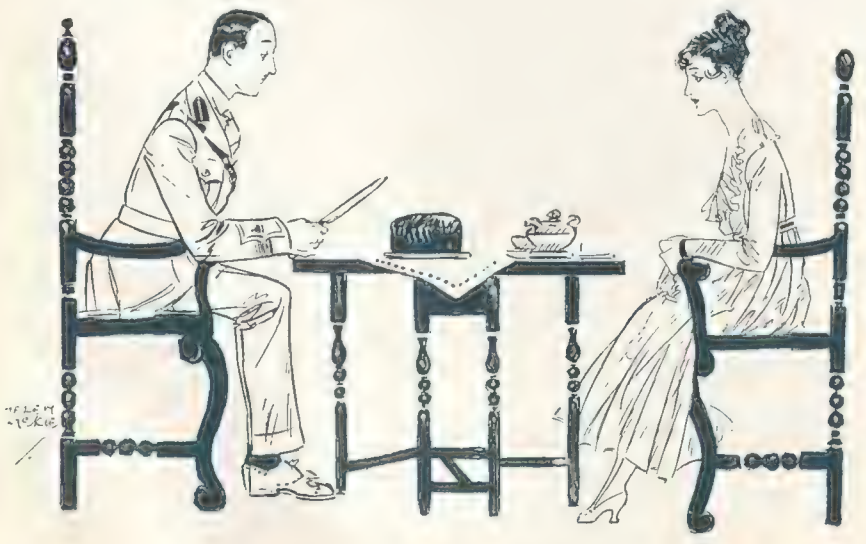

"Food supplies are really alarmingly low"

The Camera in Society

Photograph *Val L'Estrange*

LADY MARY CECILIA RHODESIA HAMILTON

A delightful portrait of the eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, who, having just celebrated her twenty-first birthday, has become engaged to Captain Kenyon-Slaney, of the Grenadier Guards, A.D.C. to the Governor-General of Canada

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!" (*concluded*)

"No one who hasn't seen it," writes one who's in it, "could ever imagine it. If you once fell down you'd stick for good. Makes all the difference, too, to the way the men fight, the state of their trenches. I've found that the men (who are really wonderful) prefer comfort and a strafed trench to the discomforts of a bad trench, even if it's a much safer one. They don't mind the casualties so much if the trench is a good one and rations are regular.

⁂ ⁂

"And so say all of us. Somehow you can't feel the proper 'offensive' spirit if it takes you an hour or more to plough through the mud to your platoon from H.Q. before you start. By the way, if anyone wants comforts out here he might do worse, it seems to me, than apply for a chaplaincy job. It's a very soft one—no work except on Sundays, and then not much. No absolute need to go in the line, and always a nice, comfortable bed and regular meals at H.Q. if he's not too proud to—er—take them."

⁂ ⁂

Poor dears! Reading between the lines—oh, the unspeakable discomfort! The damp and the dirt and the mud and the slime! . . . Some of those dug-outs not exactly boudoirs, though from them come the wonderful, cheery letters that our men write to us in the midst of all those horrors. "This dug-out," writes to me one who's roughing it for the very first time in his life, "has an entrance, to start with, that breaks your back to get in. And inside—what a picture! Three subs. huddled all on top of each other, me writing this to you on a box of bully—and the language! One of the kids, by the way, has just suggested a wash, a luxury we haven't had for some days, water being so precious. He's been promptly shut up. I happen to be senior sub., so if there's any wash going. . . ."

⁂ ⁂

Well, well. . . . And not one single hardship have we had to put up with here, nor one single privation. Even our amusements increase and prosper—this week a new revue at the Empire and a positively super-thing in charity shows, the Chelsea revue, with all the artist people either posing or posed. Our very *best* paintermen, or, anyway, the most fashionable, are in it—John, Nicholson, Philpot, McEvoy, Sheringham (the fan man), Menpes, etc., etc. It ought to knock the "Society" shows into fits, for, after all, brains *are* useful; but I'll tell you if it did next week.

With love, yours ever,

Blanche

America Sends—her Daughters

A group of American nurses, staff, and patients of an American Red Cross Hospital just behind the French front

K. R. and A. I. (Illustrated)

(These letters, mystical to the uninitiated, stand for "King's Regulations" and "Admiralty Instructions")

PASSED BY CENSOR

No. 8.—DEALINGS WITH FOREIGNERS

"In all dealings with foreigners Naval Officers are to show an example of . . . . courtesy"

BY LIEUT. ARTHUR WATTS, R.N.V.R.

Hang the Expense!

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN recently spoke a timely and useful word to theatrical managers and producers with regard to the unnecessary expense incurred in preparing entertainments for the war-time public. As a matter of fact, it is almost an axiom in the theatrical world that the richer the scenery the poorer the acting.

We do not need to go back to the days of Shakespeare, when, it is said, they used to display a notice on the stage announcing "This is a Wood." Yet if acting be an art—and there are those who claim that distinction for it—anything in the way of elaborate scenery that distracts the attention of the audience from the art of the actor must be regarded as bad management, even though it serve—as is sometimes alleged—as a work of mercy.

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A RUSSIAN ballet can be produced with the merest trifle of cheap scenery, but then Russian ballet-dancers are among the foremost of their craft in the world. With us, as a rule, the ballet is most expensively staged, perhaps in the hope of diverting our attention from the fact that owing to advancing years the ladies of the ballet are not so nimble as they used to be, and their curves are not always in the right place.

One of the most elaborate scenes I ever saw on the stage was that of the Forest of Arden in *As You Like It*. The scene was so realistically and beautifully natural that it was difficult to believe that it was not alive, as you might say; and yet, I understand, the lady who played the leading part in that production does not rank to-day as one of the "great Rosalinds" of the past. I think this is the truth, as I am the last person in the world to try to be merely smart at a lady's expense.

NOW and again we are permitted to read (how *do* these things get into the papers?) that an actress appearing at a given theatre will wear at each performance her wonderful necklace valued at so many hundreds of thousands of pounds; but if an actress is really entertaining in herself, we don't want to know that her diamonds are genuine, or that the lace on her supplementary attire is real.

In one of our most popular revues recently there was an elaborate scene showing the interior of a Turkish bath. There was an air of comfortable richness about the scenery, and the costumes of the attendants were magnificent; but what seemed most to attract the admiration of the audience was the lady customer, who was gracefully reclining in her deck-chair after treatment, and who was attired in the most inexpensive fashion. That proves that it is quite easy to secure a triumphant effect by the employment of the simplest means.

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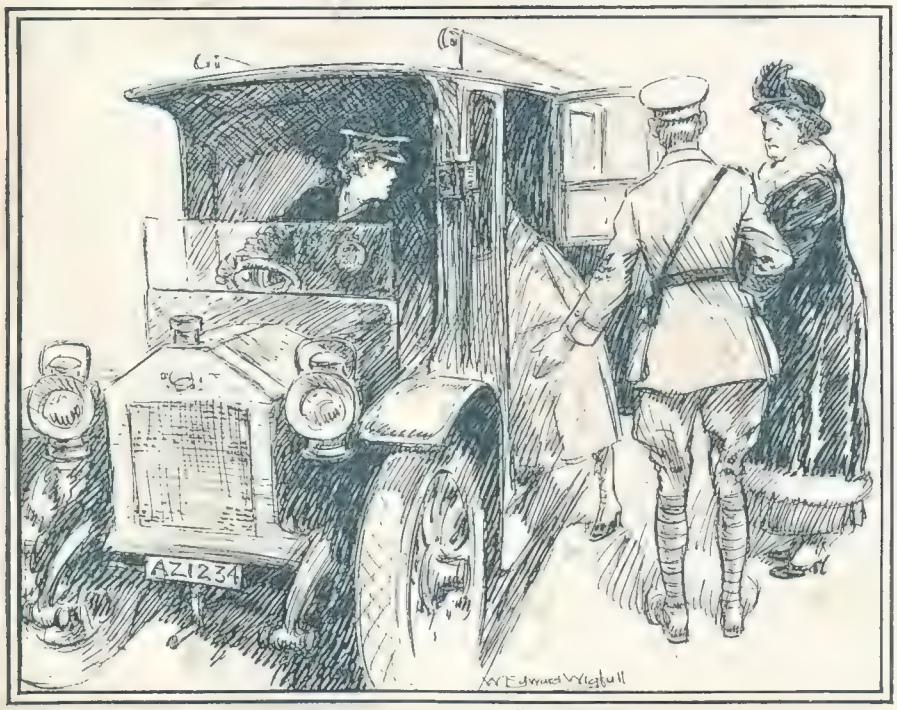
IN the old days we got along very well without the complicated mechanical effects of the modern stage. Nowadays, when the hero is called upon to dive from the beetling cliff, managers seem to think it is their duty to supply a real cliff and a real diver. But that is not art; it is only conjuring. In the old days the hero would hurl himself recklessly over a partition, and fall out of sight on a spring mattress two feet or so below, and somebody would throw up a handful of sand to indicate the splash he made as he hit the foaming wave, and the illusion was complete. The girls would cheer themselves hoarse when he reappeared with the wet heroine in his arms, and then go home and write to him to say that he was the hero of their brightest dreams.

Provincial managers who are tired of competing with metropolitan lavishness in the matter of scenery will probably welcome the new appeal for moderation in this respect. I remember once a most elaborate scene that was entitled "The Duke's Drawing-Room." I have never been in a duke's drawing-room; but I have often thought that provincial manager was over-conscientious in placing a couple of bottles of whisky conspicuously on a side table in the drawing-room, while the two other articles of furniture that were most prominent in the ducal apartment were a gramophone and a cuspidor. Undoubtedly we should aim at a greater simplicity in these matters.

ARNOLD GOLSWORTHY



KNEW HIM TOO WELL

SUBALTERN NEPHEW: "D'you think there'll be room, aunt? Hadn't I better go outside?"

AUNT: "No, Charles, you will go inside! If it's necessary, *I* will go outside"

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What we must expect—(now posters aren't allowed)

STANDING EASY

III.—THE WORKS MANAGER. By DELL LEIGH

OUTPUT! Output! Output! To Oswald Wilkins this terse word represented the beginning and the end of life. Mrs. Wilkins, was firmly of the conviction that if the great pulse of the factory ceased to beat, even for one unauthorised hour, the Germans would over-run the eastern counties in a matter of weeks only; and she implied as much, to the eternal boredom of her associates, at the Needlework and Comforts Committee's bi-weekly sittings.

⁂ ⁂

HE pulled the tray of incoming papers on his desk towards him wearily, and began to examine the day's correspondence with a scowl. This man had less sleep than Nature ordained for him. A large green car throbbed in the yard, and a dapper gentleman in uniform got out.

"Good morning. I am Captain Whatnot, recruiting officer for this area."

⁂ ⁂

WILKINS thought blasphemously for a few seconds, and rose. "Good morning, sir," he answered. "You want some more men, I suppose?"

"Want some *men*, of course I do. Far more young wasters in your works than there ought to be. I've come down here to see about it."

"With a comb in your pocket, I suppose?"

"That's about the size of it," replied the officer, truculently. "Now we'll just go through the shops and see what youngsters you *have* got."

"Oh, I've got a lot; but they are all skilled.

"Rubbish—boys of twenty-two can't be skilled," quoth the all-wise officer. And Wilkins marvelled at his ignorance.

"My dear sir——," he began.

"Now look here, Mr.—er—Wilkins, it's not a bit of good your trying to fool me." They stopped in one of the shops. "Look at that youngster," pointing to a youth at a lathe, "what's he doing, messing about with that tool? What's *his* age, anyway?"

"Twenty-four, as far as I remember; he is a tool setter, highly skilled, worth three quid a week, only he doesn't know it," replied the now despairing manager. And so it went on. Shop floor after shop floor they traversed, Wilkins witnessing arrangements for the early departure of most of his man-power, without whom his Government contracts had no hope of fulfilment.

When they returned to the office, Captain Whatnot demanded a close examination of the pay-rolls and time-sheets and took voluminous notes.

"Ye-e-es; I think we shall want about a hundred and fifty of your lot," he said. "I shall make a report, and they will get their notice papers in due course."

"I suppose you realise," said the amazed Wilkins, "that this company is engaged upon contracts of paramount importance to the War Office?"

"Oh, yes; you all say that," replied the body-snatcher. "You can 'make representations,' as you call it. It won't make any odds. Good morning."

"Well, of all the ——," began the works manager, as the green car backed and spluttered in the yard. He turned to his desk again with knitted brows. A boy (well under military age) entered with a card. "Gen'leman ter see yer, sir."

Wilkins looked at the name, and swore dreadfully. Taking this for an affirmative, the boy disappeared.

"Ah! *good* morning," said the newcomer, rubbing his hands together complacently. "As I dare say you are aware, I am the dilution officer from the Ministry of Munitions. I have come down about the dilution of your labour. It's very bad, you know, *very bad!*"

Wilkins gazed at him steadily, hating him all over, from his grey spats upwards to his opal tie-pin.

"Yes," went on this monstrosity, "you will have to introduce female labour in here, largely."

"Don't see how I can do *that*," broke in the now smouldering Wilkins, "I've just had a, an—er—officer here, recruiting officer he called himself, who tells me he is going to take out a Cook's Tour of a hundred and fifty of my lads to the trenches. So you're a bit late, aren't you?"

"Oh, I am not interested in your *lads*. It's your older men I'm after. They are wanted for Blank's in town. A lot of their work can quite well be done by women. Now, we'll go over the works first."

Wilkins, longing for his grave, led the way a second time, silently cursing the whole breed of officialdom. An hour later they reached the office again.

". . . And we will send you seventy-five women; quite good lassies you'll find them. We will write you officially about it from Whitehall Gardens to-morrow. *Good* morning."

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OSWALD WILKINS resumed his place at the desk, and leaned his head on his hands. This was awful. They seemed, these dreadful men, to be able to "take from" indefinitely, by the right of some undefined power. But nobody ever came (a saint in disguise) to "add to" the dwindling numbers. A voice was heard at the door. "Yes, your works manager I want to see."

"Ah! Good morning. I have come down from the Ministry about your labour questions. My name is Slade—from the Labour Supply Department. We propose to send you a working-party of War Munition Volunteers—about a hundred. They are not skilled, I am afraid; but I have no doubt you can teach them—in time. . . ."

⁂ ⁂

MRS. WILKINS threw open the bedroom door, walked to the window, and pulled up the blind with a crash. She then went to the fireplace and made her presence manifest by rattling the fireirons.

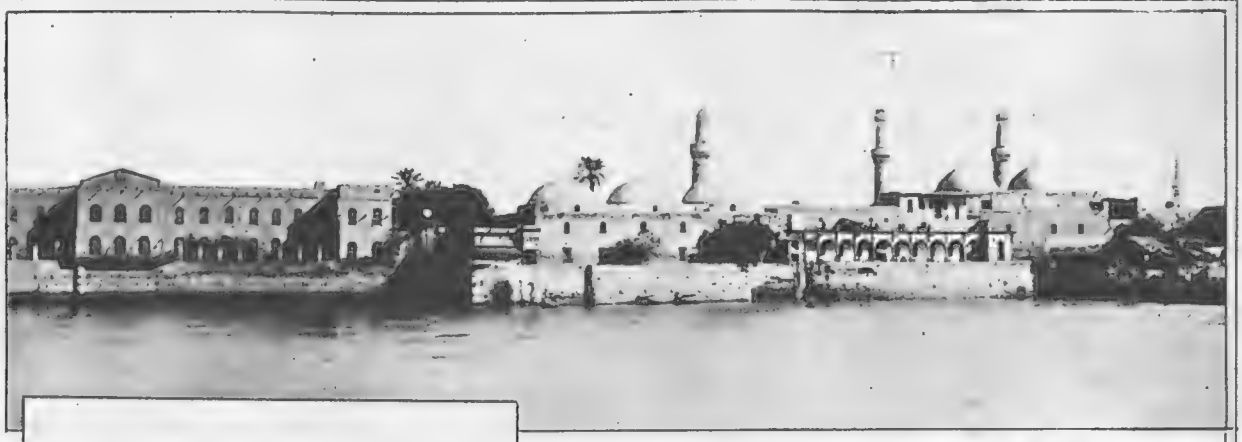
A touzled head turned over, and a voice muttered something that sounded like "Whaztime?"

"High time you were up, dear. Come along!"

The Works Manager sat up.

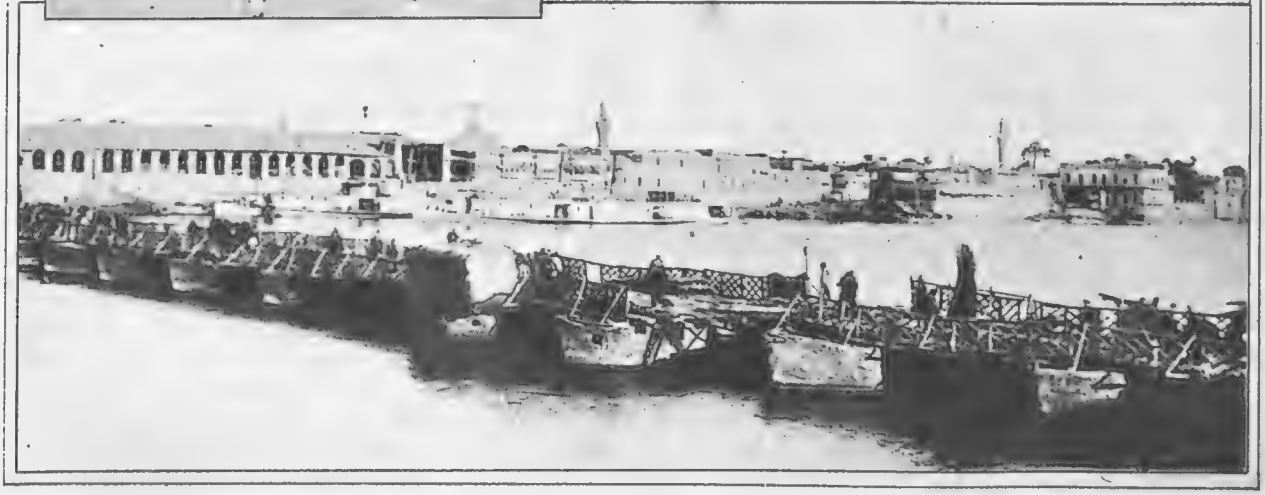
Then it suddenly began to dawn upon him that, so far as he knew at present, his factory hands were intact; and, with a gasp of relief, he got out of bed.

The Bagging of Bagdad



THE TURKISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS

THE SOUTH GATE, FOR SOME TIME PAST USED AS BARRACKS BY THE TURKS



VIEW OF THE TOWN, SHOWING A BRIDGE OF BOATS

These pictures of Bagdad, the City of the Caliph, and the key of the East, into which the victorious troops of Sir Stanley Maude made a brilliant entry a week ago, give an excellent idea of the architecture of one of the oldest cities of Asia. The view of the town at the bottom of this page, showing the broad waters of the Tigris with its bridge of boats, and the view of the main street (on the left), are particularly interesting, by force of contrast, to European eyes

Above the Cloud-Wrack

PASSED BY CENSOR

An unusual photograph of a naval aeroplane working its way through a cloud-bank to the clearer air above. This picture was taken over the Bulgarian coast-line not far from Salonica. Inset is the pilot of the machine, Flight Sub-Lieut. Frank Marlowe, R.N., whose name has since appeared in the list of "wounded"

"Somewhere in Flanders"

THE VAULT

HE was a young lieutenant in the Chasseurs Alpins who told me the story. I met him when he was in billets in the —— *secteur*, to which he had come from the Somme for a rest, and having nothing better to do at the time, and finding a willing listener in myself, his brain would often wax reminiscent as we sat over our brew together in the local *estaminet*.

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"WHAT a curious thing it is," he mused, "that Fate should signal some people out to undergo horrors or miseries almost humanly unendurable and others to go through life, and even this war, not only in absolute tranquillity, but even prosperity. Just take the villages in France. Contrast those in the firing line with those a few kilometres in the rear. In the one village you find ruin and desolation beyond all description and in the other you have the shopkeeper and the café-owner doing a brisker trade than they ever did in their lives before. Just a few kilometres divide prosperity from ruin.

"I remember," he resumed, after a pause, "when I was on the Somme there was a little village called M——, which the enemy had finally left in our hands after a long and stubborn fight. With my section I was occupying the cemetery—always a cheerless position to hold—and surrounded by such lugubrious relics as a profusion of coffins, tombstones, and crowns we spent altogether two months in this delectable situation. There is very little sentiment in a soldier with the thermometer down to zero. A shell had conveniently blown the slab from a large vault, and here in this providential dug-out I made myself as comfortable as possible.

"It was about 7 a.m. one freezing morning when my sergeant appeared, guiding a civilian, garbed in his black Sunday clothes and smothered from head to foot in mud, who was with difficulty wheeling a barrow containing what appeared to be a half-filled sack.

"'*Y a un civil qui vous demande, mon lieutenant,*' he announced.

"'*Nom de D——!*' I said to myself, 'another confounded complaint, I suppose.'

"'*Eh, bien; entrez donc!*' I called out with some irritation.

"As the stranger made his way inside my dug-out I caught sight of his face. It bore the apathetic expression of a man who is past all caring—who is absolutely indifferent to any further sorrow which

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HE PAID

FRITZ (who recognises a London tradesman whose bill he forgot to pay before leaving for the Fatherland): "Just von moment, Mr. Smith. I like to pay mine bill!"

"SOMEWHERE IN FLANDERS" (*concluded*)

this world can offer. He advanced mechanically towards me.

"'Well, what's the matter?' I asked. He fumbled in his pocket for his papers. '*Je viens enterrer ma famille,*' he replied, dully, and he directed a glance at the sack; '*c'est tout ce qui reste,*' he added without a tinge of emotion in his voice. Then suddenly I remembered. At the time of the battle several of the villagers had refused to leave their homes, and, taking refuge in the cellars, their bodies had been afterwards recovered charred beyond recognition.

"For a moment I felt too embarrassed to speak; but I think two and a half years of campaign have made me callous. '*Eh, bien!*' I said at length. '*Je vais les faire enterrer, monsieur.* My *chasseurs* will dig a grave for them. *Vous pouvez avoir confiance.*'

"The man looked at me as if I had said some incomprehensible thing.

"'*Mon lieutenant,*' he said, slowly, 'I was a rich man once. I have a vault in this cemetery.'

"'*Bien, indiquez-le nous.*'

"'*C'est que. . . .*'

"A suspicion of the truth flashed across my mind.

"'*C'est que . . . quoi?*'

"'*C'est que, mon lieutenant . . . nous sommes déjà dedans. . . .*'"

Yours ever,

JACK JOHNSON

TERRIBLE NIGHTMARE OF PRIVATE TOMPKINS (RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE "TANKS") AFTER A HEARTY MEAL OF TINNED FOOD

Unrecorded Incidents at Sea

PASSED BY CENSOR

THE TRIALS OF A MIDSHIPMAN—A LITTLE ERROR OF JUDGMENT

BY LIEUT. E. G. O. BEUTTLER

Those Raiders at

PASSED BY CENSOR

"I wish the 'ell you'd put a c

the Seat of War.

ork on that blinkin' pin of yours, Bert!"

BY CAPTAIN BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER

Shrapnel Pars

A GREAT Antwerp-Cologne Canal is, it seems, the latest dream of Pan-German lunatics of the Reventlow breed. It will make an interesting companion work to their Berlin-Bagdad Railway.

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THE Bavarian Minister of War, who is "determined to suppress all neglect of duty with an iron boot," seems anxious to prove that, despite his nationality, he has managed to acquire the true Prussian stamp.

❋

THOSE starving Germans who lately crossed over into Dutch Limburg in search of food were, no doubt, inspired by the hope of meeting the famous and fragrant cheese of the district on its legendary peregrinations.

❋

YOU must on no account question the patriotism of the Irish Nationalists, even though they *are* out to smash our War Government if they can. Sure, they're not the friends of our enemies, but only the enemies of our friends, begorra!

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IT isn't true—though it ought to be—that the thousands who are still without replies to their offers of National Service are to be rewarded with a badge inscribed with the immortal line—"They also serve who only stand and wait."

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THERE seems no end just now to the cases in which soldiers have got into trouble by providing themselves with more than one wife. What a pity our gallant fellows can't be content to confine the evidences of their reckless courage to the trenches!

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THE author of a recent suggestion for the revival of ordeal by hot ploughshare might at least have remembered that, apart from all other objections, there are at present no ploughshares to spare for such a harrowing purpose.

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MR. *Punch's* Best War Joke—Doubled price, smaller paper. Hope his readers will see it!

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SAID a County Court Judge the other day to an extortionate landlord: "You cannot raise the rent in these days." Of course you can't; but landlords still seem to think you can.

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HALF the population does not know how the other half lives; and, now that one half is in the army and the other half in the Cabinet, we do not believe it ever will.

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AN enterprising barber is giving a potato to every "hair-cut" and two lumps of sugar to every "shave." This, no doubt, is why you rarely see a food hog with bristles.

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IT would appear, says an indignant member of a Tribunal, that the most valuable soldier is a man with half a lung and seven children. Quite so! But it is the man with half a mind who gets the brass hat.

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THERE is an epidemic of German measles in the West End. We are afraid that the unseen hand must have put its foot in it this time.

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LORD ROBERT CECIL, being asked if Lord Milner addressed his Russian audiences in German, replied: "I was not there." Even a Cecil cannot be in two places at the same time.

PASSED BY CENSOR

SENTRY: "Who goes there?"
PRIVATE MIGGS (irritably): "Friend!"
SENTRY: "What's yer regiment?"
P. M. (sarcastically): "Carter Paterson's Light 'Orse"

The Food Hog

The cunning gentleman who contrives to make his kill on a meatless day

LONDON NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS

"Remnant" at the Royalty Theatre

BY "JINGLE." ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN MORROW

WE are taken first of all to Tony's garret in Paris, the period being the year of grace 1840. Tony is a young but superbly unsuccessful engineer, whose plans for a railway system through France do not appeal to the self-satisfied Ministry of the time. Tony's extremely humble home is shared by a lady named Manon, to whom he is not married. Manon lives for the day when Tony will make a lot of money, so that she will be able to help him to spend it; and in the meantime she is developing a "catty" disposition, which does not help to increase the harmony of the *faux ménage*. She lounges about the garret in her *peignoir*, which seems to require such frequent adjustment that we gather that she would be bitterly disappointed if we went away with the idea that she had anything on underneath it but her decorative "nightie."

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THEN the week's washing arrives. At first sight it might not appear that such a simple domestic event has anything particularly romantic about it; yet in this play it is the turning point of two lives. It is "Remnant" who brings the washing, by way of turning an honest penny as a laundress's carrier. "Remnant" is a homeless waif, given to speaking her mind with artless candour; and though she is barefooted she is extremely virtuous. This fact is, indeed, practically guaranteed by the management, and must be taken for granted. The sweet and genuine simplicity of the young girl wins Tony's heart at once, and as she seems to reciprocate his respectful esteem, we realise that the romance has started on its way.

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TONY has a well-to-do friend, who is a middle-aged Government official, and who has more than once promised to put the railway plans before his chiefs. One day, while Jules is calling on Tony in the way of business, "Remnant" looks in, and Jules at once finds her very pleasing to his middle-aged but wary eye. While the others are out of the room Jules goes so far as to make love to "Remnant." He even has the presumption to kiss the fair young girl; but it is distinctly to be understood that the experience is quite unwelcome to her because she is so pure and so good. "Remnant," however, takes advantage of the impression she has created to urge Jules to do his best for Tony's projects; and her pleading has such good effect that, soon afterwards, Tony receives the appointment that is to be the sure foundation of his future career of unparalleled prosperity.

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BY this time Tony is very much in love with the homeless waif—who has certainly done her share of the running in her green and unsophisticated way. But the exacting Manon is still Tony's unofficial spouse, and the problem of how to get her off the premises is one that has its complications. If Manon should hear that Tony's prospects are brighter she will not be anxious to leave her—situation, as it were. There is, therefore, an amiable conspiracy between Tony, "Remnant," and Jules, by which the lady is given to understand that all Tony's plans have failed, and that he is now down and out. As is (they tell me) the custom of her kind, Manon at once pours out the vials of her wrath and scorn on Tony's head, and goes out to find another—appointment

❋

THE charm of the piece is Miss Marie Löhr's dainty sincerity

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MOVING DAY!

"Remnant" and Romance at the Royalty

A pretty little play in which very ordinary types of humanity create a more than ordinary interest in their fortunes; with Miss Marie Löhr as a fascinatingly innocent child of the gutter climbing to the stars

A BAIRNSFATHER SKETCH IN "SEE-SAW"

as the good-natured waif, with its alternations of humour and tenderness that are quite admirably depicted. Mr. Dennis Eadie has little to do except to act as a foil to Miss Löhr; but that he does most convincingly. A very charming character study is given by Mr. Henry Vibart as "Remnant's" schoolmaster, an old man whose chief business is that of a professional letter-writer for the people. The play should prove a popular success, and the ladies, elderly maiden ladies especially, will be delighted with it.

CAPTAIN BAIRNSFATHER has broken out in a fresh place. This time he has supplied a most amusing turn for the successful revue at the Comedy Theatre, *See-Saw*. The scene is, of course, "Somewhere in France," and the chief characters are our very dear friends, Old Bill, Bert, and Alf, who seem able to manufacture dry humour of the best kind even under shell-fire. The humour of the situation is increased by the fact that the storm-centre of the moment is at the Café de la Paix, the roof of which is blown off before our very eyes. The discovery that the explosion has apparently hit the till and has scattered a few francs broadcast is naturally of supreme interest to the impecunious Tommies, though it is shown in a most diverting manner that they have missed the real prize of the occasion—the proprietor's strong-box. The turn is most delightful from first to last, and the realism of the scene may be relied on, since it comes, as it were, *ex cathedrâ*.

JINGLE

Captain Bairnsfather's lively little sketch, "Where Did That One Go?" now delighting crowded houses at the Comedy, where, largely through the good work done by Mr. John Humphries as "Old Bill," it makes an attractive addition to the already successful revue, "See-Saw"

Well Armed with Charms

Photograph *Walter and Boys*

Miss Valerie May, whose acting in "Houp-la" was so attractive, lends all the charm of modernity to the beautiful old-fashioned head-dress of the pre-Victorian period which she has rescued from oblivion to grace her century-later dress

Germany's Last Colony

BY A NEUTRAL BYSTANDER IN BERLIN

GERMANY has one colony left. It is out of the range of Britain's Fleet, and the only way to annex it is to annex Germany first. It is the Arbour Colony — *Die Laubenkolonie!* It is the most valuable of German colonies that has ever been, because it is a main reason why Germany, despite tight belts and quasi-starvation, has not succumbed to the blockade.

⁂

THIS is a February reflection at 7.0 a.m. It is suggested by the fact that every morning at 7.0 a.m. the four children of a decent lower middle-class family, my neighbours in Lietzenburgerstrasse, S.W., leave the house bearing rusty garden tools. The four are son Helmuth, aged eighteen; son Willi, aged seventeen; daughter Tony, aged fifteen; and daughter Henny, aged fourteen. Helmuth, Willi, Tony, and Henny carry their tools because war does not foster honesty, and tools which are left overnight in an Arbour Colony are usually in some neighbouring colony before dawn.

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ARBOUR Colonies are a reaction of the fact that the bread ration here is only one and nine-tenths of a kilogramme per week, that chickens cost seventeen marks and geese thirty-eight marks. The Lietzenburgerstrasse family probably has £250 a year on which to support six persons, all more or less grown up. The £250 is possible in peace-time; now it is impossible. But thanks to the Arbour Colony and four pairs of hands which have nothing else to do, this family has its own meat (rabbits and chickens), and its own vegetables, and no enemy measure which does not destroy the Empire's bread store can starve it out. You cannot grow wheat in an Arbour Colony.

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THE Arbour Colony is a vast expanse of land cut up into square plots averaging the size of a dining-room. Even before the war all of Berlin's land that was awaiting the speculative builder was turned into colonies. People live in flats and have no gardens, so they rented gardens on the nearest level space. The plots were used for flower-growing. To-day the flowers have disappeared, and cabbages, rabbits, hens, and pigeons have taken their place.

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BEFORE the war Arbour Colonists were clerks and artisans. To-day hungry men, irrespective of position, are colonists. Before the war Berlin had 50,000 plots; now it has 160,000, and 40,000 more are being got ready for the spring. The newest plots are rented by high-flying middle-class men and aristocrats, who, as labour cannot be had, do their own digging and teach their own rabbits to breed. I know a seventy-year-old doctor of philosophy who plies the spade—and the rabbit—in Charlottenburg; and next him is the plot of Secretary of State Helfferich, who in private life is a millionaire. Helfferich goes to his plot at five in the morning — so I am told; preferring sleep to truth, I have not verified it.

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BEFORE the war the colonies had no organisation. Now they are organised to the last cabbage. They have an Arbour-Colonial War Committee, a Free Manure Supply Committee, a War-Veterans' Colony Committee. The system succeeds. Hundreds of men and women work hard on plots which are within walking distance of their houses. And the colonies help to solve the war victims problem. The Red Cross lately rented land big enough for 30,000 plots, and set war-invalids to work on them. I went to see the big new colony at Bornstaedt, near Potsdam, and found it being worked exclusively by one-legged, one-armed, one-eyed, and even one-eared men. Last summer these men, in addition to working at their trades, supplied half Potsdam town with cabbages, chickens, and rabbits.

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SOON we shall have the next stage—compulsory colonialism. Arbour colonists demand that every man shall cultivate land, and clamour for a Bundesrat ordinance, giving any citizen a right to enter upon a neglected plot and cultivate it for himself rent-free. Stuttgart's colonial enthusiasts are already anticipating the ordinance and already taking possession, convinced that no one will dare expel a benefactor of his country who produces cabbages, rabbits, and chickens.

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WHY doesn't England copy? She has better opportunities, for nearly every man has a front or back garden. Why not pass a law authorising those who have no gardens to cultivate rent free the gardens of citizens who neglect to turn out a minimum quantity of cabbages, rabbits, and chickens?

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The Decline and Fall of Manners

"The sharpest elbows will win out"

BY "EFEMERA" *Illustrated by Hill Clarke*

The Effect of Peace

I do not know, nor, I suppose, does anyone, what will be the ultimate effect of the war on manners: but so far as I can see we seem to be in for an era of unmannerly pushfulness. In the general scramble which peace, whenever it comes, will usher in, life will be reduced to a round game of devil take the hindermost, and, as at a remnant sale, people with the sharpest elbows, both actually and figuratively speaking, will win out. There will be no place in the world for the perfect lady or the unselfishly considerate man.

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Grandmamma

It is true that even before the war we had little to boast of in the way of manners. People of the old school deplored with bitter lamentations our degeneracy in the fine arts of living. Since 1914 things have gone from bad to worse. The average young woman of to-day would hourly cause her grandmother to revolve rapidly in her grave—that is to say, when the old lady is safely buried. In many cases she is, of course, very much alive and given to censuring the unseemly behaviour of her descendants. In her day no man would have dared to smoke a pipe in the street or in the presence of ladies. In the present day of grace—or disgrace—there are no ladies; we have, with the exception of the washer-lady and the charlady, all become women.

"She was a pleasure to the eye"

"Rushing into a room without waiting for others"

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The Perfect Lady

In spite of modern sneers, there was much to be said for the lady. Her meticulous observance of the ritual of etiquette may have been tedious in the extreme, likewise her little screams and kittenish affectations; but she was a pleasure to the eye, and she gratified the romantic sense. And certainly the lady knew how to manage her men—indeed, she ruled them with a rod of iron. The man who refused to conform to the rules she laid down for conduct and deportment found himself barred out from her drawing-room and deprived of her society.

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To the Poor Spinster

She ruled also her younger sisters. What do you suppose would have been thought of a girl who arrogated to herself the prerogatives of a married woman? In those days no girl with the slightest pretensions to breeding would have dreamed of entering a doorway or a public conveyance ahead of a married woman. One glass of wine at dinner was

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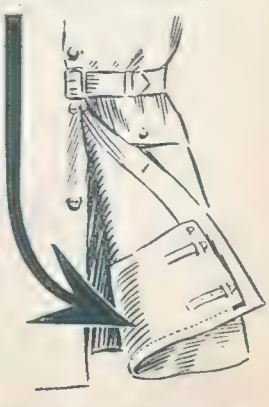

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"THE DECLINE AND FALL OF MANNERS" (*concluded*)

the allowance of the spinster; the married woman might drink two. And none but a forward hussy, unless she wore a wedding-ring, would have dared to partake of cheese. "Not quite nice for a girl," an old lady once said to me as the Stilton went round. Why I am not sure, but I have been told that cheese was considered unduly exciting.

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Speeding Up

THE modern young woman laughs at restrictions. Manners she regards as a waste of time. Perhaps they are. It certainly saves time to come into the drawing-room in muddy boots instead of waiting to put on slippers, to omit polite salutations, and to rush into a room without waiting for others to pass.

"No man would have dared to smoke a pipe in the presence of ladies"

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Warlike Manners

THE rough-and-ready, hail-fellow-well-met manners of the young woman of to-day may be deplorable, but they cannot, apparently, be helped. In fact, they are growing worse. What can you expect when one has no time except for snatching, when taxis are few and far between, and in order to get anywhere one has to force one's way through a seething mob of people likewise engaged into crowded lifts, 'buses, and undergrounds? When in the darkness one has no means of distinguishing between friend and foe, day-labourer and duchess? At least we treat them all exactly alike. Perhaps we are more mannerly than would appear, for, as everyone knows, equality of treatment is the basis and foundation of good manners; it is only the standard that has changed. A slap on the back accompanied by a "good old girl!" from one's male pal is probably the equivalent to the early ritual of a low bow, a kiss on the hand, and a murmured "Your humble servant, madam!" But, good or bad, our manners have come to stay, or, rather, they are likely to decline still further from the courtly pattern of excellence. Such as they are, we shall have to make the best of them, or, in modern parlance, if we don't like it we can jolly well lump it.

EFEMERA

THE MERRY-HEARTED PLOUGH GIRL

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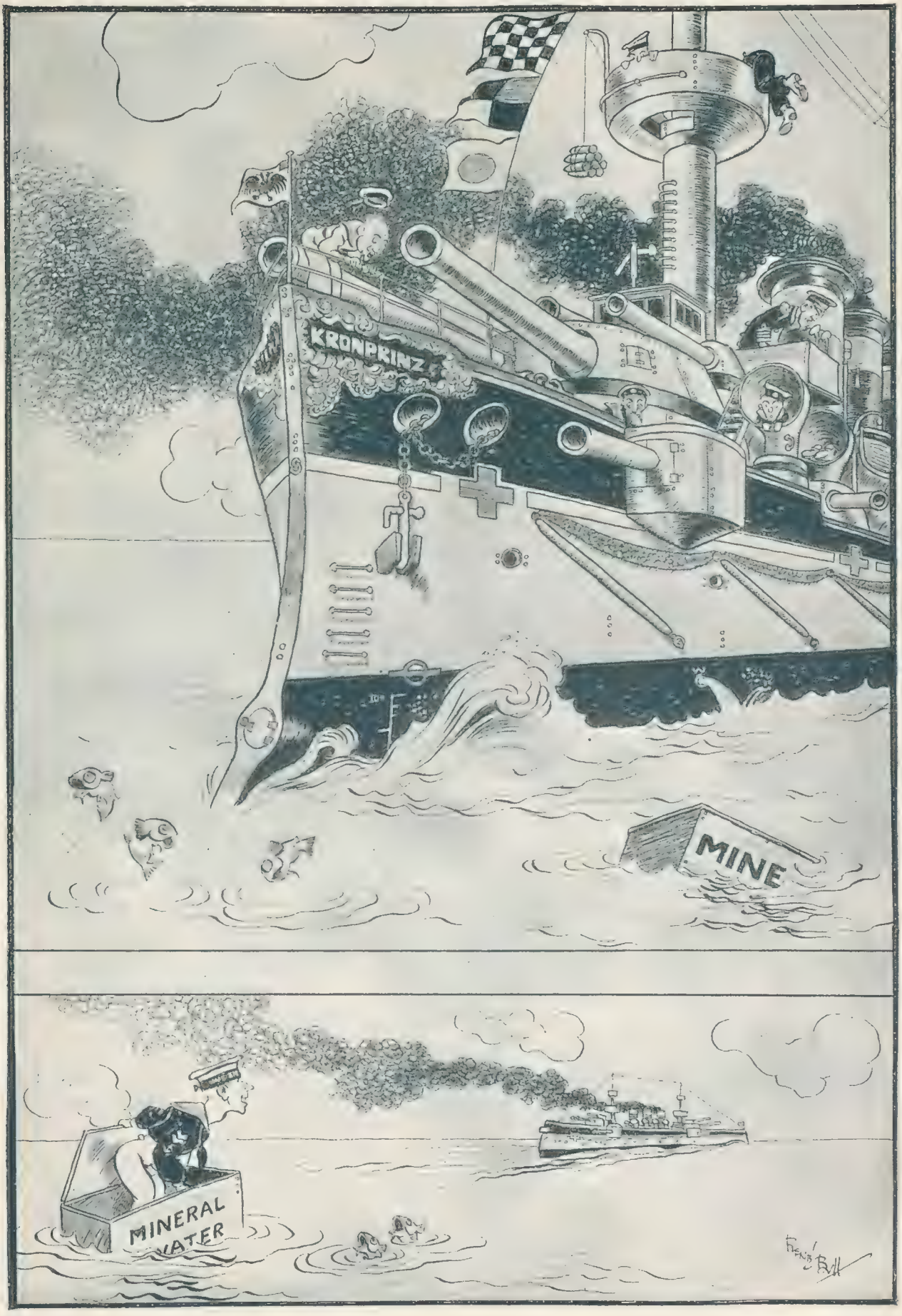

"That was a close shave, but I wonder what they are in such a hurry about!"

Books of the Week

A RUHLEBEN RECORD

Prisoners of War

THERE are many tricks of the Hun which annoy as much as they distress, but perhaps few of them annoy or distress more than Hunnish accusations against our methods of dealing with Huns fortunate enough to be interned in this country. While we are forced to protest against the comfort of the Donington Halls and their like, we are maddened to learn of the unspeakable conditions under which Englishmen, unlucky enough to be interned in Germany, are forced to live. True, largely owing to American effort, conditions have been bettered in such a camp as Ruhleben, but even to-day things must be about as bad as they can be.

Ruhleben

The truth trickles through about Ruhleben, but it trickles through slowly, and for a very good reason. It is sometimes inexpedient to speak the truth, and I dare say that Mr. Israel Cohen was hard put to it to decide how far he should go when writing his *The Ruhleben Prison Camp* (Methuen: 7*s.* 6*d.* net). There was obviously so much to be said that might react unfavourably on those who, less fortunate than Mr. Cohen, were still imprisoned in that House of the Dead. Yet he has managed to lift the veil to a considerable extent and without—let us hope—endangering what little comfort those still at Ruhleben may have managed to secure for themselves.

Sport and Pastimes

We learn from Mr. Cohen's book the methods (or some of them) adopted by the German authorities in dealing with their civilian prisoners—the elections (?) of captains for the different barracks, the segregation of the Jews, and the weeding out and separation of the P.G.'s, not in this case paying guests, but pro-Germans. There are agreeable details of the various dramatic and artistic productions, of the different courses of study which were started, of the cricket and football matches that were played—there was a "Tottenham Hotspur" team even in Ruhleben—and of that great mock-Parliamentary election in which Mr. Cohen himself was one of the unsuccessful candidates.

A Dismal Picture

It is a dismal picture, but you have the satisfaction of knowing that the unfortunate Englishmen never faltered in their endeavour to make the best of things. There is still much to be told, as you may speedily find if you happen to meet an ex-inmate of Ruhleben; but the time is not yet. Meanwhile Mr. Cohen's book will be read with great interest from cover to cover, and his photographs are no less interesting than his text. R. S

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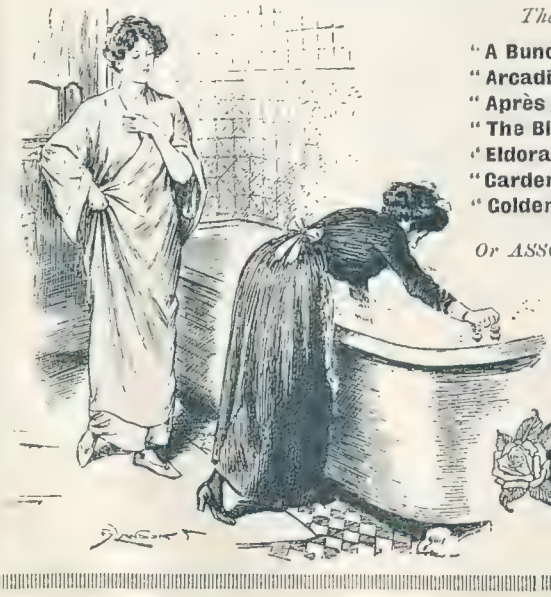

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A horse fancied by many for the "War National" at Gatwick, though he has to give away a lump of weight to the favourite, Carrig Park

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Minor Events

There will be several other races of much interest at the meeting, including the Essex Steeplechase on Thursday, from which professional jockeys are barred. **Ballymendel** may prove the winner. **Valentine Maher** is my tip for the Surrey Steeplechase on the first afternoon, and **Poethlyn** may take the Southern Steeplechase on Thursday.

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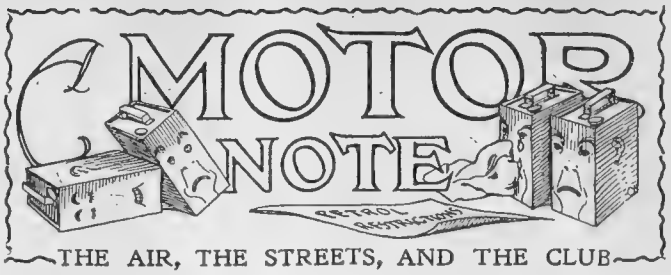

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In the Air

Mr. Macpherson assures us that all is well in the air. We wanted the assurance, and should be happier still with the evidence. It is clear that Germany has been making very strenuous efforts to retrieve the position it lost so very distinctly during the early part of last year, when its airmen were steadily beaten out of the blue. There is no doubt that the strong agitation in this country for improved machines materially contributed to the great success then achieved, a success the more marked by comparison with the rather unhappy condition immediately preceding it. The present indications point to a distinct German recovery for very much the old reason — superior machines. Mr. Macpherson admits the inefficient types in our equipment, but assures us these are rapidly being weeded out, and that our best 'planes are the full equal of, or better than, the German. I can only hope the event will prove him right, and that we shall not have to buy the evidence that he is not at any lugubrious cost. The 1917 campaign is getting into its stride. The eyes in the air are an indispensable condition of success.

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Street Accidents

Also, I would very much like to have the evidence upon which Sir George Cave bases his statement that the increase in street accidents at night is neither wholly nor mainly due to the darkening of the lights. He claims that the increase in the number of daytime accidents is almost in exactly the same proportion. If the latter is so, then it is a very remarkable and almost incomprehensible coincidence, only illumined by the possibility that the ruck of present drivers are much less efficient than those the war absorbed; but to suggest that the darkening of the streets does not constitute a tremendous factor of danger is a flagrant sin against the light, and a direct refusal by officialdom to admit the commonly obvious and palpable.

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R.A.C. Patriotism

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, in opening the R.A.C. as the Royal Overseas Officers Club (concerning which, by the way, one journal says there is plenty of room for old members in addition to overseas officers and another that extensive alterations will have to be made to accommodate overseas officers alone), said: "Luckily, thanks to the patriotism of Sir Arthur Stanley and the committee of the R.A.C., as well as Mr. Julian Orde (the secretary) they had now been able to provide overseas officers with the accommodation they required." His Royal Highness can hardly have been fully

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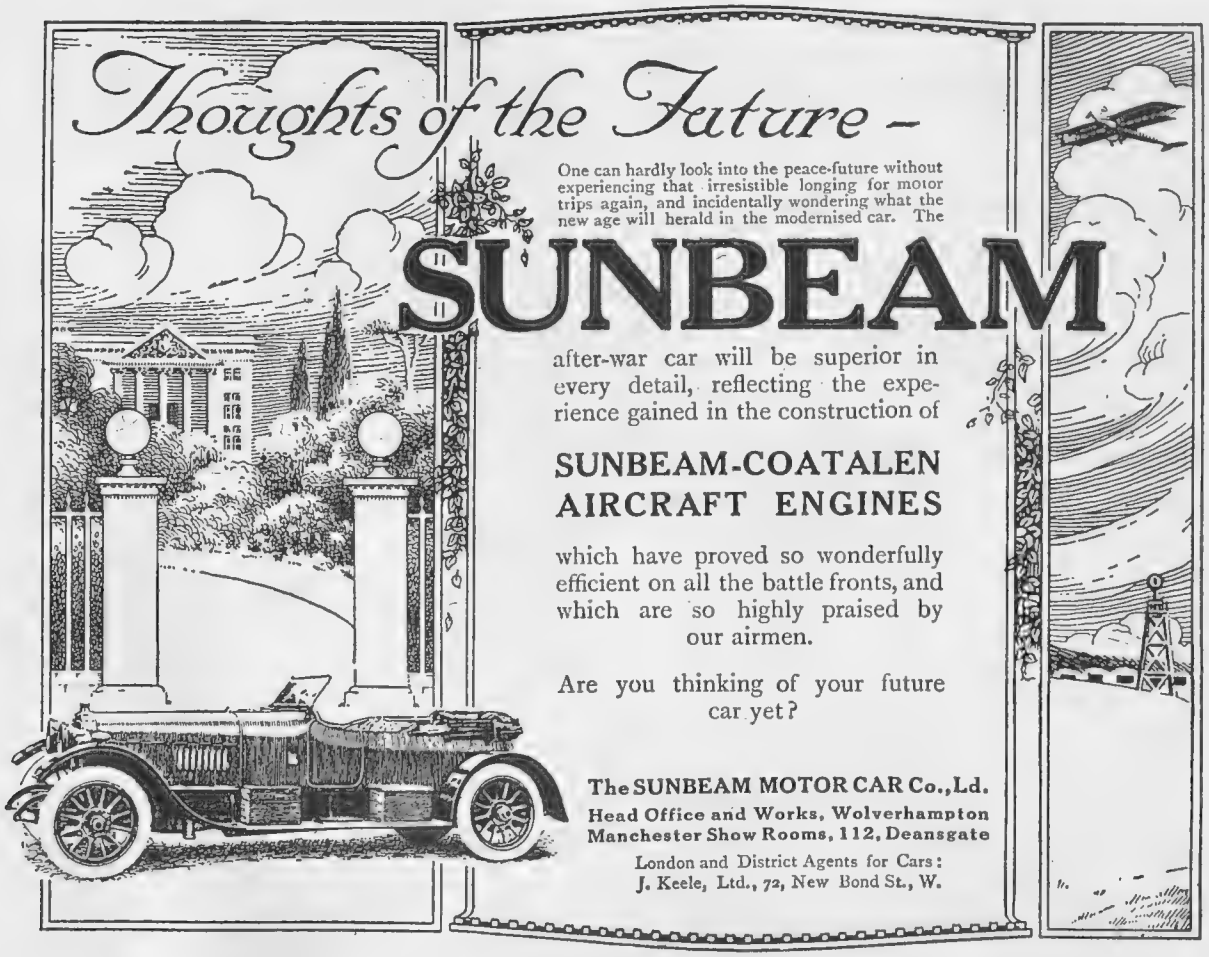

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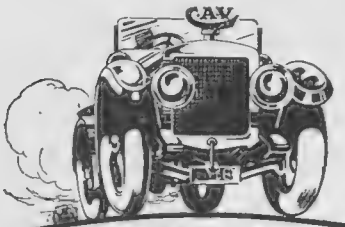

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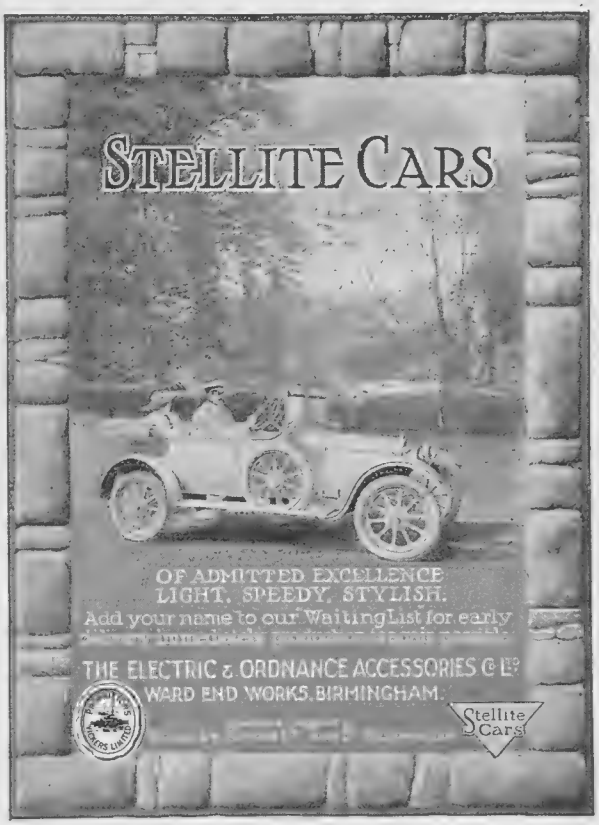

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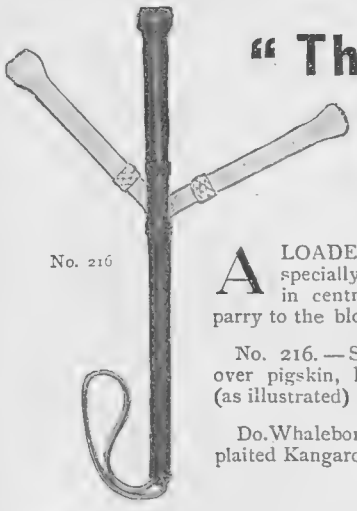

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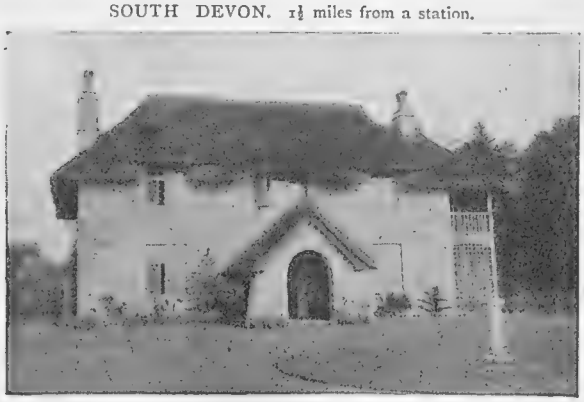

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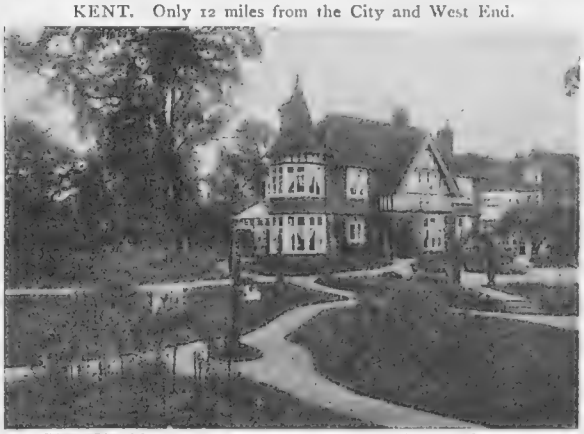

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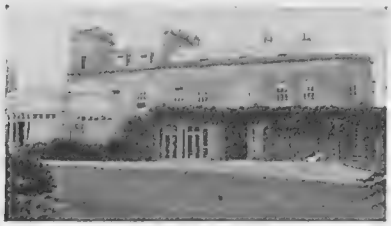

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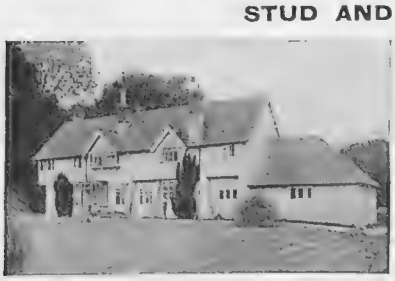

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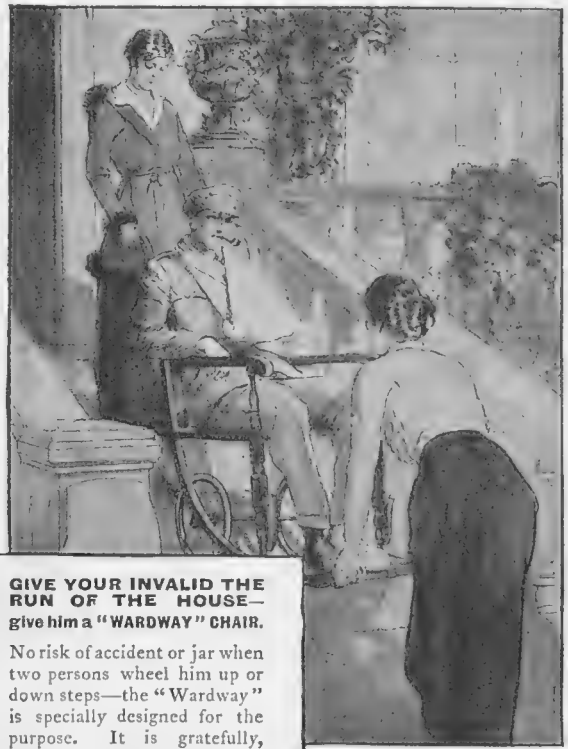

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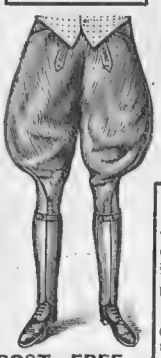

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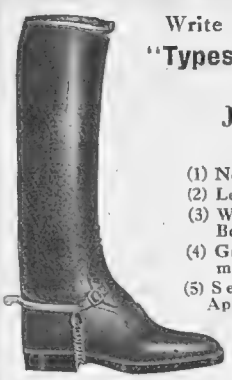

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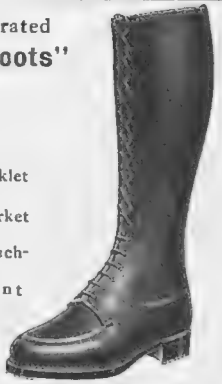

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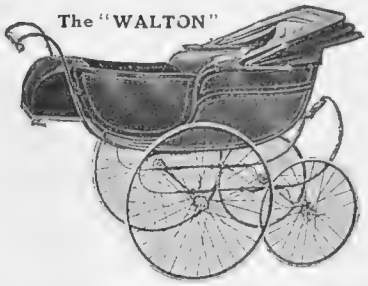

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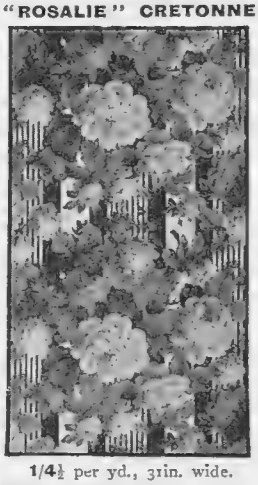

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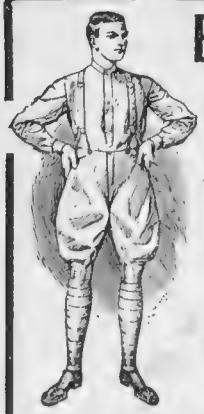

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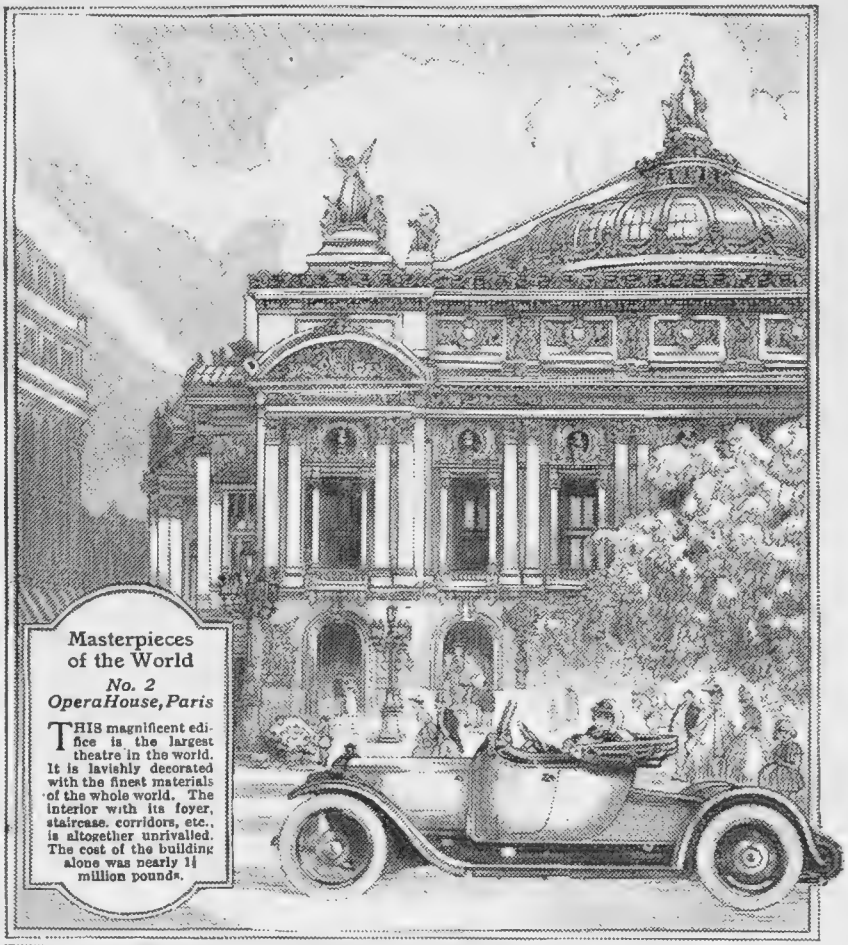

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A sketch has been taken of the new season's "Studington," and those acquainted with last year's model will readily recognise the innovations. There is a Raglan sleeve, for example, with a most ingenious adjustable cuff, a high stand-up collar of Napoleon *genre*, big patch pockets, and a free, generous cut throughout, that serves to impart an especially smart aspect, without in the least detracting from its workmanlike character. As offered to-day, indeed, the "Studington" fulfils all the demands for a wrap that is equally amenable to town and country wear, the particular example illustrated being carried out in a hard-wearing herring-bone tweed, although Messrs. Studd and Millington are also building it in their

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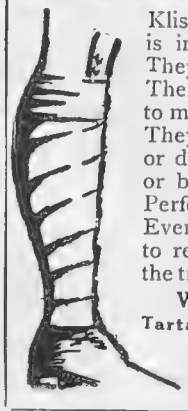

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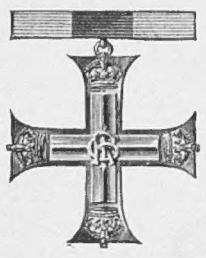

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Mashed Carrots

Take about 1 lb. of carrots, wash and scrape them, and boil them until quite soft. Take them out and mash them. Put them back into the saucepan with about a tablespoonful of the water in which they were boiled, add 1 oz. of margarine, white pepper, and a little milk. Stir them over the fire until the moisture is well absorbed, and pile high in a vegetable dish.

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Peel and cut into thin slices about six turnips or swedes. This will be about 2 lb. and will make enough for six or seven persons. Boil for about an hour, when they should be quite soft. Pour off the water, and mash them well with a fork. Now put into the stewpan 1 oz. of magarine, blend well with it a good tablespoonful of flour and a gill of milk. Put in the turnips, and stir well with a wooden spoon until it is nice and creamy, and serve very hot. Swedes are not so white as turnips when cooked, but otherwise much resemble the latter in flavour.

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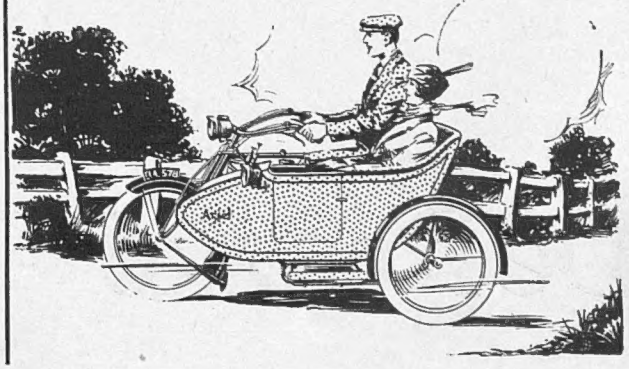

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